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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12-11-50

WEATHER The week was considerably colder than normal, with severe cold weather during the first half but temperatures were generally above normal during the last three days. Light snow fell at many stations during the first half of the week.

CROPS Harvest of corn was slowed during the past week because of unusually low temperatures and some light snows. At the end of the week approximately 85% of the state's acreage had been harvested. The major part of the corn remaining for harvest is that which was carrying a rather high moisture content and farmers have delayed harvesting this corn until the moisture content is sufficiently low for safekeeping or for immediate feeding of livestock.

Winter wheat went into the dormant stage this year in probably what could be called one of the most favorable conditions in years. Throughout most of the state, plants made a very good growth and have an excellent root system extending down into the sub-soil where there is sufficient moisture for carrying the crop through the winter months. To date, there has been less than usual loss of acreage from wind erosion; and while there was considerable leaf rust, it is questionable whether this will cause much damage to the crop when it comes out of the dormant stage next spring.

Sorting and grading potatoes in some of the Panhandle counties progressed rather slowly last week and movement of the crop this year has been rather slow because of the low prevailing price. Processing of sugar beets is nearing completion by the factories with the production of beets in Nebraska this year up sharply over that of a year earlier.

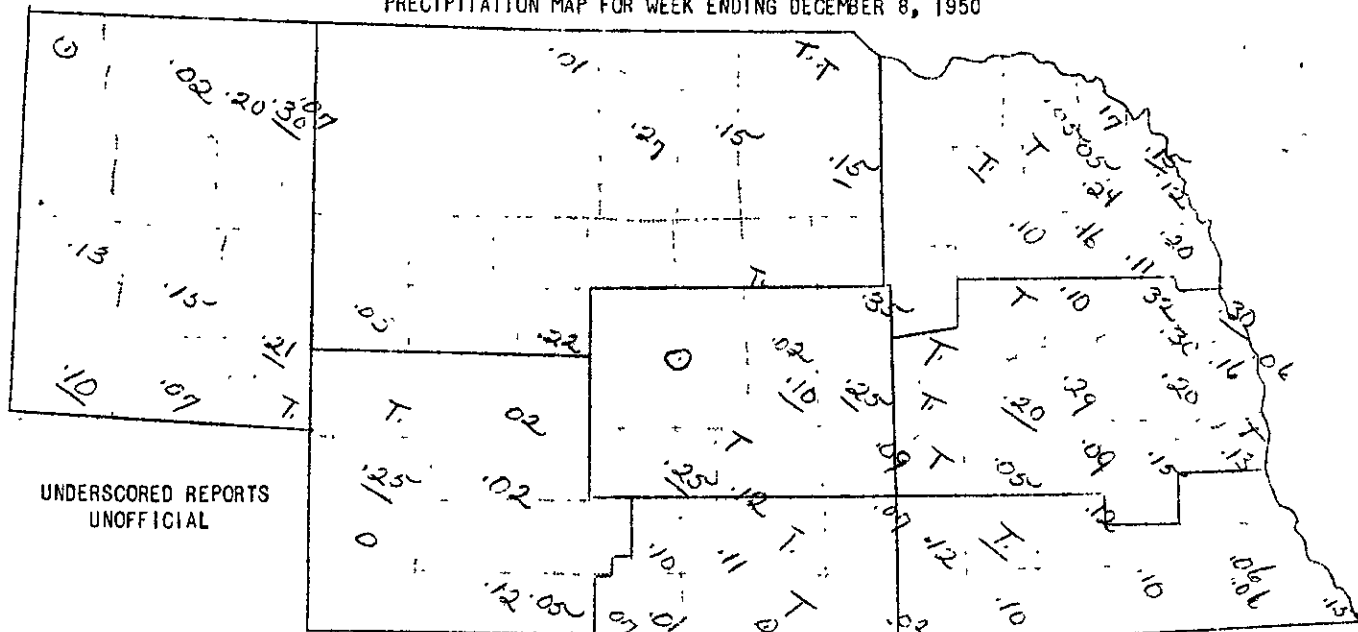
LIVESTOCK Cattle were showing some shrink during the past week because of the low temperatures and some snow. However, all livestock continue in good condition, as there is an excellent supply of hay and feed grains. Cut-over meadows and windrowed hay continue to furnish considerable feed for cattle, as snow has not covered pastures. Feeding of protein supplements is an aid in keeping cattle in good condition.

Indications point to an increased number of cattle on grain feed this year over that of last year and it is possible there will be an increase in the number of sheep and lambs fed, as the shipments into the state have been rather heavy during the fall months. Some of these lambs, however, were carrying considerable weight and may move on to market before January 1 when the estimate of sheep and lambs on feed is made. Demand continues for good feeder stock and there is some demand for good breeding stock.

Weather Bureau Telegraphic Report of Precipitation for Week Ending December 11, 1950

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .03	Burwell 0	Chadron .02
Lincoln .14	North Platte .02	Imperial 0
Norfolk .03	Valentine .01	Scottsbluff .13
Omaha .06		Sidney .10
Sioux City .09		

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 8, 1950



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 6:30 A.M.)

		DECEMBER													
		5TH		6TH		7TH		8TH		9TH		10TH		11TH	
		MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN
NW	CHADRON	44	-4	11	-15	10	-14	24	19	43	21	43	22	54	36
	SCOTTSBLUFF	52	-3	19	-7	15	--	34	22	46	25	47	19	56	33
	SIDNEY	52	-3	14	-10	13	-7	32	24	44	20	44	22	54	32
N-C	BURWELL	33	-4	5	-13	10	2	25	2	44	27	40	14	50	30
	VALENTINE	21	-6	5	-13	5	-3	22	5	45	28	41	15	51	34
NE	NORFOLK	35	2	13	-12	3	-3	21	0	34	24	35	22	32	26
	SIOUX CITY	33	6	16	-10	5	-1	20	0	30	13	31	25	28	23
CEN.	GRAND ISLAND	47	3	13	-8	6	2	25	9	42	27	44	15	48	30
E-C	LINCOLN	43	9	22	-7	7	1	26	10	35	29	41	22	33	29
	OMAHA	44	11	23	-7	3	1	21	8	29	18	34	25	29	24
SW	NORTH PLATTE	44	-2	12	-5	12	1	23	11	47	29	45	19	46	32

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